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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

JASA ET AL.

Examiner

Joseph Chang

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 October 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Friedman et al., US Patent No. 6,292,065.

Regarding Claims 11, 15, Friedman et al. discloses an apparatus (Figure 1) for generating an oscillating signal, the apparatus comprising: an amplifier (146, 148) having an input terminal and an output terminal (base and collector), wherein the amplifier provides a differential oscillating signal at the output terminal (structure show a differential); and an inductor-capacitor (LC) tank (138,140,144,142, 122,124,126,128,134,136,130,132) coupled between the input terminal and the output terminal (base and collector) of the amplifier (146, 148), wherein the LC tank comprises an inductive element coupled in parallel with a capacitive element (structure shows in parallel), and wherein the capacitive element comprises: a first varactor pair (126,128) coupled to receive a first control voltage (118), wherein the first control voltage i) sets a capacitance of each varactor of the first varactor pair and ii) provides a first level of adjustment to an oscillation frequency of the oscillating signal (the structure functions as recited), and a second varactor pair (122, 124) coupled to receive a second control voltage (120),

wherein the second control voltage i) sets a capacitance of each varactor of the second varactor pair and ii) provides a second level of adjustment to the oscillation frequency of the oscillating signal (the structure functions as recited, see Abstract), wherein the first and second levels of adjustment are different (Col. 4, lines 20-28).

Regarding Claims 12, 13, Friedman et al. discloses a VCO and PLL to be employed (col. 1 and 2).

Regarding Claims 14, Friedman et al. discloses other pair of varactors (122, 124), each of the varactors receive a corresponding differential control voltage (120) and its functionality.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-10 are allowed.

Applicant's arguments, see Page 8, line 1, filed 10/13/05, with respect to claims 1-10 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-10 has been withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

Regarding claims 11-15, Applicant's arguments filed 10/13/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues "Friedman does not teach first and second levels of adjustment are different". This argument is not persuasive because one of the differential voltages (118 and 120) is different from the other because they are opposite to each other.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

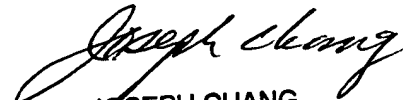
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Chang whose telephone number is 571 272-1759. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 0700-1730.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on (571) 272-1769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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